



Membership Fee in Effect for 2006-07

State funding for MSU has either been reduced or remained flat each budget since 2001. During that same time period, costs for everything have gone up, causing even flat funding to become, in effect, reduced funding.

To recoup a portion of this lost funding and continue to offer both the quantity and quality of 4-H programming, MSU Extension is implementing an annual fee of \$10 per participant or \$30 maximum per family for the 2006-07 year that begins September 1, 2006. Details are being worked out at the state level and will be shared with families as soon as we find out.

The Macomb County 4-H office has decided to move forward and collect the membership fee at the time of registration. One check made payable to MSU Extension for each club will be collected at that time. Participants who enroll after club registration will send their check along with their membership form.

County Awards

County Awards packets were mailed to general leaders in early August and may be downloaded from the 4-H website, <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/Clubs.asp>. Please encourage the youth of your club to apply for these awards and come to the upcoming September 7th County Awards Workshop, held from 6:30-8 p.m. at the VerKuijen Building. R.S.V.P. to Christine by September 1. County Awards are an excellent way to prepare for State Awards, for which forms will be available in January. Youth do not have to win at the county level to participate at the state level.

There have been many changes made to the County Awards packets this year. We have added four new awards to the packet. The new 4-H Sportsmanship award will recognize youth who maintain a good attitude regardless if they win or lose and who are helpful towards others, especially younger members and individuals outside of their club.

There are two new adult awards also this year. The first one is the 4-H Volunteer of the Month in which nominations are made monthly and will be recognized bi monthly in the newsletter and the second is the 4-H Leader of the Year in which leaders must meet the specified criteria to be nominated and both will be recognized at the banquet. The fourth addition to the awards packet is Friend of 4-H Award. This award is an opportunity for 4-H clubs to recognize individuals and organizations for their recurring support to 4-H and/or your club. All county award forms must be post-marked by or dropped off at the MSU Extension Office by 5 p.m. on November 1, 2005.

Judges Needed: Judging of the County Awards will take place in early December. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact Christine Miller at 586-469-6431 or via email at Christine.Miller@macombcountymi.gov.

Location: The 4-H County Awards Banquet will be held on January 24, 2007 at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD). The MISD is on the west side of Garfield Road south of M-59 (Hall Rd.).

National 4-H Week

4-Hers across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week from October 1st -7th 2006. The National 4-H Week kit is now available online and contains a wide range of marketing and media relations materials to help interested clubs promote 4-H. Visit 4hmediaresources.4husa.org to view the kit. This event is a wonderful opportunity for 4-H Clubs to design and create displays showcasing their learning experiences and sharing how interested youth and adults can join 4-H.

These displays can then be exhibited in schools, libraries, community centers or even malls. Check out the National 4-H Week Kit for other ideas to help spread the word about 4-H in Macomb County.

Required Leader Meeting

All General Leaders or a club representative will be required to attend a mandatory meeting before registering their club this year. At this meeting we will discuss club responsibilities, available resources, 4-H programming at the county, state, and national level and any upcoming initiatives. This will also give leaders an opportunity to share ideas with each other, ask questions and provide input for the direction of our county's 4-H program. The training is offered on two separate dates and times: Monday, September 18 @ 1 p.m. and Wednesday 21 at 6:30. Training will last approximately 1-½ hours. Please call Roberta at 586 469-6431 to sign up for a training. Alternative times/dates will be arranged if necessary.

Meeting Times Change

Starting in September, the Horticulture & Environmental Education and the Communications and Expressive Arts Committees will hold concurrent business meetings followed by a joint activity on the second Saturday of the month from 10:30-12:30 at MSUE. The first two meetings will be Sept. 9th and Oct. 14th.

Also starting in September, the Livestock Program Committee will meet prior to the Livestock Sale Meetings. Livestock Program Committee meetings will run from 6-7 p.m. and be held on the fourth Monday of the month at Armada High School. The first two meetings will be on September 25 and October 23.

The 4-H Staff hopes that the new times will lead to a higher level of adult and youth participation in the activities of these three committees. If your club has members registered for projects in the following areas, you are eligible to be represented on the Communications and Expressive Arts Committee: Communications & Expressive Arts (BA-BC), Healthy Lifestyles Education (EA-EE), and Personal Development & Leadership (FA-FL). Clubs with members registered for Environmental Education and Earth Sciences (DA-DD, DF) and Plants (GCA-GCE, HBC, HBG) are eligible to be represented on the Horticulture and Environmental Education Committees.

Club & Committee News

4-H Camping Weekend

The first 4-H Camping Weekend took place on July 21-23, 2006 at the Algonac State Park. There were several families in attendance, who settled in to have a relaxing weekend. The weather was beautiful, as everyone pitched tents around the 'Wagon Wheel' in the park.

On Friday, as everyone came in, Ken and Dawn Falke had a dinner of hot dogs, chips and drinks on the table. When the sun had set, a huge fire was built, ringed by chairs where everyone sat telling stories and seeing who could make the best S'mores and toast the best marshmallows.

As the weekend got underway, the Frisbees and footballs came out, the hiking boots were put on as 4-Her's, leaders and parents got involved in activities from tossing around the football and Frisbee, to Geocaching and even some shotgun practice.

All agreed that this event was a great success and the Outdoor Ed & Rec Program Committee would like to thank all who helped. A big thanks goes out to Ken and Dawn for giving leadership to this new 4-H event. We hope to see more of you next year when we go on the bear hunt

OMK In Macomb County

The Operation: Military Kids program is spreading through Michigan. Many counties, including our own, were involved in a letter writing campaign for Hero Packs and to deployed service men and women.

A map of the state of Michigan has been put together, showing where the families affected by deployments live. In southeast Michigan, there are almost 1,700 families and Macomb County is home to over 190 of those National Guard and Army Reserve families who face this challenge.

We are looking for ideas to help reach out to these families. If you have thoughts on how Macomb County 4-H can be of help to these families, please contact Tina Fleming at flemin82@msu.edu and share your ideas. It can be community service, a countywide event or other type of activity. Thanks to all for helping to support our kids and families that live in our backyard.

Garden Harvest Sale

Stop in at Wolcott Farm Learning Center and check out the huge garden that Clever Clovers planted. The club will be harvesting pumpkins, sunflowers, and Indian corn this fall. With the crop the club will hold a fundraiser to sell the products at Wolcott Farm on October 8 and 9. Many of the items harvested will also be given to area nursing homes or assisted living centers to spruce up their homes and add some fall warmth. This is a big club effort and we are proud to show off our efforts, so we hope you can stop by and enjoy the view.

*Submitted by Alayne Waterstraat, General Leader
Clever Clovers 4-H Club*

PEP Participants Show Off Skills

PEP provides a safe environment in which youth with disabilities, assisted by trained volunteers, can learn and practice riding and horsemanship skills under the direction of a certified therapeutic riding instructor. On July 8, 2006, some of the participants were able to show off their riding skills and participate in the Macomb County 4-H Horse Show held at Rotary Park in Ray Township. Emily Chamberlain who has been a participant rider since the program began in 2004 and newcomer Cathy Convery were both grinning ear to ear as they got to ride in a real horse show.

The program is held in Richmond at the private ranch of Pam Howell. (36411 Pound Rd., Richmond, MI 48062). Pam has horses that she generously allows us to use along with her indoor arena. We cannot thank her enough.

The fall PEP session will run again on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 starting August 30 through October 4. The program is always looking for enthusiastic people to help with stable management, grooming, side walking, leading horses, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, and marketing. For more information or to volunteer, call the MSUE 4-H office at (586) 783-0901 or the PEP instructor, Mary Rader at (810) 326-0983.

4-H Club Visits Pine Meadows



Members of Trail Blazers 4-H Club displayed their talents for residents of Pine Meadows Assisted Living Center on June 19th.

On June 19th, the Trail Blazers 4-H Club visited the Pine Meadows Assisted Living Center. Six club members put on a talent show for residents of the facility. Jordan DuBaere showed the residents an invention made of Legos, Joshua DuBaere played a song on his tuba, Jacob Fontana played his violin, Jacob DuBaere played guitar, and Michael Scaglione played piano. When everyone was done, the 4-H'ers helped make ice cream floats to help everyone cool off from the hot summer sun.

*Submitted by Jordan DuBaere, Reporter
Trail Blazers 4-H Club*

Club & Committee News

Livestock Clinic Successful

This year's clinic was held on Saturday, May 6th at the Armada Fairgrounds. We had a great group of youth and adults in attendance from Macomb and St. Clair counties. The clinic offered sessions on goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, beef and swine. Between the two sessions, a raffle was held in which every participant was a winner.

The instructors for the various sessions were Jenna Lotan & Christine Bingham (Goats), Paul Gianferrara (Rabbits), Gina Riebel (Sheep and Swine), Melissa Wesolowski (Poultry), and Ashley Kuschel (Beef). The Livestock Committee would like to thank everyone that helped in any way to make this year's clinic a great success!

Fair Review

Please plan to attend the appropriate program committee meeting in September or October if you have fair book changes you would like to recommend. All recommendations need to be in writing and approved at the program committee level first. The Macomb County 4-H Agent will present approved recommendations at the Fair Board on November 6th. Changes after this date will have to wait until the 2008 4-H fair book.

Trail Blazers Club Members Earn Gold, Silver, and Bronze

Being active in Macomb County 4-H through MSU Extension is not just about arts, crafts, gardening, woodworking, and livestock. Trail Blazers Rifle Club can attest to that. The club has accumulated an impressive collection of awards in the shooting sports project area since the club formed five years ago. This year was no exception.

Placing in the top three in all rifle events at Macomb County's 4-H competitive shoot at Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association, 15 Trail Blazers members became eligible to move on to compete in the 2006 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament at the Blue Water Sportsmen's Association in St. Clair County. The sun-soaked weekend drew in approximately 500 youth participants from counties throughout the state.

At the gun club, 4-H participants ages 9-19 gathered to shoot in disciplines of B.B. Gun, Air Rifle, .22 caliber, Shotgun, Black Powder, and Archery for individual and four-person team events. The kick-off address started at 8 a.m. and shooting began at 9 a.m. Six Trail Blazer members placed in their individual events. Team events took place in the afternoon, where the rest of the club sighted in on their targets with sharpshooting accuracy. Club members accepted 22 medals in 10 different divisions, including:

B.B. Gun Individual (Senior Division):

Jordan DuBaere—3rd place

B.B. Gun Team:

Jordan DuBaere, Alex Ford, Michael Scaglione and Steven Scaglione—1st place

B.B. Gun Individual (Junior Division):

Amber White—2nd place

B.B. Gun Team (Junior Division):

Amber White, Jill Perzanowski, Lisa Perzanowski, and Zach Montney—2nd Place

Sporter Air Rifle Individual (Junior Division):

Jacob Fontana—3rd place

B. B. Gun Team (Senior Division):

Jacob Fontana, Justin Ford, Jon Foster, Nicole and an alternate shooter from St. Clair County—3rd place

Precision Air Rifle (Senior Division):

Joshua DuBaere—2nd place

.22 Caliber Rifle (Senior Division):

Allen Meinhard—3rd place

Black Power (Open):

Jacob DuBaere—2nd place

.22 Caliber Rifle Team:

Alan Perzanowski, Jacob DuBaere, Joshua DuBaere, and Allen Meinhard—2nd place

1st Year Participant (Archery):

Sara Perzanowski

*Submitted by Kerry DuBaere, Leader
Trail Blazers 4-H Club*



Pictured from left to right (back row): Lisa Perzanowski, Jacob DuBaere, Jacob Fontana, Alan Perzanowski, Joshua DuBaere, Amber White, Jon Foster, Justin Ford. Front row: Steven Scaglione, Alex Ford, Zach Montney, Jill Perzanowski, Michael Scaglione, and Jordan DuBaere

Upcoming Events

Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day is national day of helping others held annually on the fourth Saturday in October where millions of people participate. This National Service Day was created in 1992 by USA Weekend in partnership with The Points of Light Foundation. We challenge all 4-Hers both young and old to participate in this year's event by spending Saturday, October 28 "making a difference" in your community by volunteering in a service project. For service project ideas, planning guides, marketing tools and entry forms visit <http://usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html>. Each year in April, hundreds of good deeds done on Make A Difference Day are selected for honors, headlines and charitable donations. Ten selected projects even receive \$10,000 donated by Paul Newman. Plus hundreds of local honorees are spotlighted in the USA Weekend paper and on the Make a Difference Day Website.

Children's Health Fair

The 2006 Children's Health Fair will be held on Saturday October 28 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at Macomb Community College Sport and Expo Center, South Campus, 14500 12 Mile Road in Warren. The fair is free and open to all Macomb County Families with children birth to 18 years of age. Health screenings, immunizations, dental assessments, educational materials, demonstrations, expert advice, entertainment and much, much more will be featured. This event coincides with Make a Difference Day. The MSUE office has reserved a table and would like a youth volunteer to help promote 4-H, contact Kathy at 586 469-6431 if interested. If your club is interested in doing a demonstration, having your own table, or providing entertainment, please contact the Health Fair Planning Committee at 586 573-2210 to reserve a space.

People, Pets and Vets

People, Pets and Vets is a FREE hands-on, interactive educational program designed for children of all ages to learn about animals and proper animal care. At this unique program, children can see and touch a variety of different animals including exotic pets, reptiles, working dogs, farm animals and or course, typical house pets, too. Take this opportunity to talk to veterinarians, vet techs, and other animal care providers. Many interesting exhibits will be presented this fall... dentistry, ophthalmology, anatomy, pet first aid and even a Teddy Bear Clinic staffed by MSU Veterinary Students to help care for, bandage and suture "wounded" stuffed animals. This event will take place on Saturday, November 4 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Macomb Community College, M-59/Garfield Campus E Building. The MSUE office has reserved a table and would like a youth volunteer to help promote 4-H, contact Kathy at 469-6431. If your club is interested in having your own educational booth or doing a demonstration, please contact Dr. Kern at Cats Veterinary at (586) 463-9550 or by e-mail at kern@catsvet.com.

Back Pain in Horses: Clinical Signs and Treatment

College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University—Equine Health Lecture

When: Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: G-150 Veterinary Medical Center, MSU
RSVP: Linda Jacques at (517) 353-3182
or jacquesl@cvm.msu.edu
Speaker: Dr. Rob Van Wessum
Sport Horse Lameness Clinician
(<http://cvm.msu.edu/dressage/thecenter/personnel.html>).



Free admission, but please RSVP (leave your name and phone number). Guests should park in Wharton Center parking ramp on Wilson Road. Walk south out of ramp, cross Wilson Rd. and walk south down lane that borders the east side of the Veterinary Medical Center. Use the Dean's entrance.

Save the Date

The South East Region made up of 13 counties will be hosting a Leader Meet on January 20, 2007 at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, MI. Volunteers will have a chance to meet new people, exchange ideas, and learn about a variety of topics to include leadership, club development, animal science, horticulture, crafts, and much, much more. Registration materials will be available in the fall.

Ambassador Club

Who should attend the club meetings?

- Youth 12 years old and older
- Interested in community service
- Enjoys promoting 4-H at the county level
- Likes to meet new friends and work on a team

Naturally, as an Ambassador you will become a role model for younger members in your club and community. A strong 4-H Ambassador works to promote community awareness, support, and participation in 4-H.

Please contact Christine Miller or Alissa Simpson to answer any questions at (586) 469-6431 or via email at Christine.Miller@macombcountymi.gov.

Clinton River Spillway Bike Path Project

On Saturday, September 16 there is a great opportunity for community service. It is called the Clinton River Spillway Bike Path Project.

Registration is at 8:00 am. Education is at 8:30 am and site projects are from 9:30 to 3:30. The location of this project is on the northwest corner of Harper and Wellington Crescent in Clinton Township. What you need to bring:

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| ❖ Weeders | ❖ Pruners |
| ❖ Rakes | ❖ Sunscreen |
| ❖ Shovels | ❖ Lunch |
| ❖ Gloves | ❖ And a smile |

If you are interested in helping out with this wonderful project, contact Sandra Richards at 586-469-6440. Students can receive community service credits!

Upcoming Events (continued)

4-H Visual Arts and Crafts Workshop

The 4-H Visual Arts and Crafts Workshop will be held October 7-8, 2006 at Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. The following sessions are being offered:

- Retro Jewelry Making - Work with polymer clay beads, seeds and macrame to make jewelry from the 50's and 60's
- Peace Bowls - Design and decorate (with wood burning and paint) a 10" wooden center "peace" bowl
- Story Book Art - Use drawing, painting and collage making to imitate the artwork of great picture book illustrators; excite young 4-H'er about both reading and art.
- Japanese Raku Pottery - Glaze and kiln fire your own pottery using a beautiful technique called Raku; learn how to make your own kiln?
- Basket Making - Learn the basics of basket weaving by making an all-purpose basket to take home
- Stained Glass Art - Learn the skills to create a stained glass sun catcher including designing, glass cutting and soldering
- Digital Photography - Learn the basics of digital photography and how to enhance your photos using a computer
- *Qué Pasa! La Cultura: Latino Arts* - Discover the new 4-H Latino bilingual curriculum for K-8 graders. Make Mexican *huichol* yarn paintings, Guatemalan worry dolls and Panamanian *kuna molas* (cut-work stitchery)
- Scrapbooking - Make several memorable scrapbook pages with eye-catching flair and good design
- Rag Rugs - Learn to weave and crochet beautiful rugs from rags
- Exploring Your Photographic Style - Build a solid foundation for taking creative and artistic photos. Emphasis on exposure and how your camera sees the world

This workshop is open to adult and teen 4-H volunteers ages 13 and older (by January 1, 2006). RSVP to the MSU Extension office by September 22. Call (586) 469-6431 or e-mail christine.miller@macombcountymi.gov for details.

4-H Clothing & Textiles Workshop

The 4-H Clothing & Textiles Workshop is scheduled for October 14-15, 2006 at Kettunen Center. The workshop is open to adults and youth ages 13 and older. Workshop topics may include Community Service, Beginning Sewing Skills, Wool Felting, Jeans Quilt, Beginning & Advanced Knitting, Yellow Brick Road Quilt, 5- to 8- Year Old Projects, Polar Fleece Projects, Pressing and Interfacing, Paper Pieced Wall Hanging, Totally Teens, and more.

The cost of the workshop is \$32.00 per person. Registrations must be received by the MSU Extension 4-H office by 5 p.m. on September 30, 2006. Contact Christine Miller at (586) 469-6431 or christine.miller@macombcountymi.gov for more information.

4-H Goat Leader Workshop

Adult volunteers and youth ages 13 and older who are interested in the 4-H Goat Project area are welcome to register for the 4-H Goat Leader Workshop, scheduled for October 20-22, 2006 at Kettunen Center. Workshop topics will include How to Make Your Club Meetings Fun, Showmanship 101— The Basics, Meat Goat Management, Selection of a Project Animal, Pack Goats, Soap Making, Exploring Crafts, and Judging. Todd Bidle, P.A., will be a featured speaker.

The cost for this workshop is \$58.00 per person. Registrations must be received at the county MSU Extension 4-H office by 5 p.m. on October 6, 2006. For more information contact Christine Miller at (586) 469-6431 or christine.miller@macombcountymi.gov.

Clover Kids Days

Zehnder's of Frankenmuth

invites 4-H youth and their families to experience Clover Kids Days on October 13, 14 and 15. The \$25 per person cost includes Full Day Waterpark Pass, Personal Pizza, Soft Drink, Snack, & Arcade Tokens.

Space is limited.

Reservations are required by
Sept. 29, 2006

**Call 1-800-863-7999
to RSVP**

MEOW!

Countywide Shared Cat Project Looking for Members, Adult Leader

Six youth and two parents attended the first ever Cat Project meetings in June and July at the North Branch of the Clinton-Macomb Library. We watched a Nature Video on cats and their behavior, reviewed cat anatomy, made short presentations to the group about our cats, and sewed catnip toys to sell for financial support. The first two meetings for the 2006-7-program year have been scheduled for Wednesdays, September 13th and October 18th at the North Branch of the Clinton-Macomb Library (24 Mile, just west of Romeo Plank). Meetings will begin at 6:15. Times and Locations of meetings beyond October will be determined by participants' preferences. We need more members and a Project Leader. For more information contact Anne Crotser at the 4-H office, (586) 469-6431.



Notes from the 4-H Office

Re-Enrollment Reminders

It's re-enrollment time, and it's important to remember that:

- MSU Extension is implementing a small annual registration fee of \$10 per participant or \$30 maximum per family beginning this year. Make sure to pay before your club registers!
- Returning members must be registered by November 1, 2006 and new members by April 1, 2007 if they plan to show projects at the 2007 Armada Fair.
- Youths must be age 9 as of January 1, 2007 to show as members under 4-H at the 2007 Armada Fair. Youths age 5-8 as of January 1, 2007 may show under 4-H as Cloverbuds.
- Gen./Org. Leaders and Club Treasurers must submit Annual Summary Financial Statement and Club Inventory forms on or before Nov. 1, 2006.
- If a youth wishes to share project(s) with a club other than their primary club, they must either indicate the shared project and shared club on their Member Information/Member Re-enrollment form OR submit a Shared Project Permission Form to the 4-H office.
- The National Supply Service will be mailing 4-H Source Books for each family in your club to you. This way, the 4-H office won't be releasing names and addresses of our families. Please give one catalog to each family as they register. Additional copies may be requested at the 4-H office.
- Meeting minutes and Treasurer's Reports should be sent to the 4-H office after each meeting. Our address is MSU Extension – Macomb County, Attn: 4-H, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036. Our fax number is (586) 469-6948, and our e-mail address is http://macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov.

Tips for Members

We want to help make your 4-H experience a good one. Use the following tips to help make the most of the new program year!

TIP #1:

Make sure the 4-H office has your current e-mail address! We frequently e-mail information about upcoming events and opportunities to 4-H families. Leaders, please make sure your club members know about information received.

TIP #2:

Enrolling for a workshop? Information packets are usually available at the county 4-H office 4-6 weeks before the event.

TIP #3:

The 4-H office receives information about upcoming events throughout the year. For information about upcoming events, see your club leader or contact the 4-H office.

Tip # 4:

Can't afford to attend a workshop? Apply for a scholarship from the Macomb County 4-H Council. Applications are on the web.

TIP #5:

Most forms needed throughout the year are available online. Go to <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/Clubs.asp> and click on the forms link. Forms are listed in alphabetical order. Let the 4-H office know if you don't see the form(s) you're looking for.

TIP #6:

Keep track of your project by using a Member Record Book. A completed copy of this book could become part of your middle school or high school portfolio and may be useful as you prepare award, scholarship and job applications. Ask your club leader or contact the MSU Extension 4-H office for a copy of Bulletin 4H1192.

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- Member Recognition Year Pins are awarded to members ages 9 and older based on years completed. Cloverbud members ages 5-8 will receive special cloverbud pins (pin style will vary from year to year so that younger members do not get more than one of the same pin). New members, regardless of age, will receive an "I just joined 4-H" pin.

- A completed 4-H Program Participation/Volunteer Service Record form should be sent in for every workshop or training your club or committee does. Those listed on this form will be counted on the federal report we submit to MSU yearly. The report contains numbers only – no names or other identifying information. Part of the funding the Macomb County 4-H Program receives is based on this report, so it is very important that everyone be counted. An easy way to do this would be to use the form as a sign-in sheet.

RSVP for a Club Registration Meeting

GENERAL LEADERS: It's time to re-enroll your club for 2006-07. Don't forget to register for one of the 4-H Club Registration Meetings! Large clubs take about

Oct. 17, 2006
Camp Rotary
5-7 p.m.

Oct. 19, 2006
Clinton-Macomb
Library N. Branch
5-7 p.m.

Oct. 23, 2006
Armada High
School
4-6 p.m.

Oct. 25, 2006
MSU Extension
5-6:30 p.m.

Nov. 1, 2006
MSU Extension
9 a.m.-5 p.m.



an hour. Smaller clubs usually take 30 minutes or less. Call the MSUE 4-H office at (586) 469-6431 to RSVP. If you cannot make it to one of the above meetings, you may send a club representative or set up an alternate date and time to meet with a 4-H staff member.

Notes from the 4-H Office (continued)

Special Thanks to 4-H Fair Superintendents, Day Chairs & Petting Farm Coordinator

The Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office gives special thanks to those who helped make this year's Armada Fair extraordinary. They include:

Fair Subcommittee

Denise Lotan & Cathy Cooper

Day Chairs

Marilyn Bohm (Wednesday)
Cynthia Chorney (Wednesday)
Michael Cobbett (Wednesday)
Val Cusumano (Saturday)
Tracy DuBaere (Thursday & Friday)
Nancy Duemling (Thursday)
Jim Kaltz (Friday)
Sue Kutche (Tuesday)
Denise Lotan (Sunday) Shelley Riebel (Saturday)
Laura Riggs (Saturday)
Mary Sampey (Saturday)
Penny Tibbits (Monday & Sunday)
Alayne Waterstraat (Tuesday)

Petting Farm Coordinator

Cheryl Donovan

4-H Fair Superintendents:

Carl Myer (Dept. A-Beef Cattle)
Mark Falker (Dept. B-Beef Cattle)
Marie Marie Marcath (Dept. C-Sheep)
Jean/Kathleen Bingham (Dept. D-Goats)
Earl Proctor (Dept. E-Swine)
Rita Faulk/Mike DeFour (Dept. F-Horses)
Kathy Matthews/Lyle Ballard (Dept. G-Rabbits & Dept. I-Pocket Pets)
Jill Senyk/Patty Baert (Dept. H-Poultry)
Lori Riggs/Paula Martin (Dept. J-Dogs)
Nancy Duemling (Dept. K-Educ. & Veterinary Science)
Michael Cobbett (Dept. L-Floriculture, Dept. M-Grains & Herbs, Dept. N-Horticulture)
Cathy Cooper (Dept. L-Floriculture, Dept. M-Grains & Herbs, Dept. N-Horticulture, Dept. XX-Photography)
Bette Nebel (Dept. O-Natural Resources)
Lucy Cooper (Dept. P-Family & Dept. Q-Folkpatterns)
Jean Bingham/Val Cusumano (Dept. R-Food Preparation)
Marilyn Bohm (Dept. S-Personal Appearance) & Dept. T-Creative Stitchery)
Pat Fons (Dept. T-Creative Stitchery)
Judy Makowski/Sharon Knust (Dept. U-Creative Arts)
Cynthia Chorney/Alayne Waterstraat (Dept. V-Artists)
Herman Houin (Dept. W-Industrial Arts)
Gary Jenuwine/Chris Tibbits (Dept. X-Additional Projects)
Denise Lotan/Cathy Cooper (Exhibit Building)
Jim Kaltz (Sec. A-Exhibit Bldg. Club Display)
Nancy Davis (Sec. B-Grand Best of Show)
Mary Goike/Stephanie Goike/Katie Laudicina (Sec. C-King & Queen)
Paul Gianferrara (Cloversprouts)



Deadlines

The deadline for the Nov.-Dec. 2006 issue of 4-H Family Notes is October 16, 2006. The deadline for the Fair Issue is Sept. 11, 2006. E-mail submissions to macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov, fax them to 586-469-6948, or mail them to MSU Extension-Macomb Co. 4-H, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

Americorps Position Available

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Mentor program is looking to hire an Americorps volunteer. The Americorps member works with 4-H staff to build capacity of one on one and peer mentoring programs.

Responsibilities include recruiting, screening, training, matching, and supervising volunteers to mentor youth.

Members also facilitate life skills training sessions for youth.

Qualifications: Applicants must be 18 years old, have a valid driver's license, and must be willing to learn about youth, communities, mentoring, volunteer development, program planning and implementation, resource development, reporting and evaluation.

The position requires 32 hours/week for a period of one year. Upon completion of 1700 hours, an educational award of \$4,725 is given. The position pays a living stipend of \$10,197/year. For more information, contact Jan Gwozdz @ 586-469-7619 or Jan.Gwozdz@macombcountymi.gov.



Fall Water Color Cruise

Date: October 14, 2006
Time: Boat departs from the Clinton River Cruise Company
152 North River Road
Mt. Clemens
Cost: Adults: \$20
Youth (10-17 years): \$12
(Please no children under 10)

Light refreshments will be available for purchase during the cruise.

Register with MSU Extension by October 6, 2006. Include name, address, telephone and e-mail address. Make check or money order out to MSU Extension and mail to: MSU Extension-Macomb County, Attn: Fall Water Color Cruise, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

Call (586) 469-6430 for more information.

Other News

State 4-H Dog Show Results



On Saturday, August 12th, 22 participants in the dog project traveled to the state dog show at the Michigan State University Livestock Pavilion in East Lansing. The clubs represented at the show were K-9 and Kompany (13), Northern Macomb (6), Poochez and Pals (1), K-9 Shadows (1) and Casual Clutter (1).

Those who received a qualifying score in Pre-Novice obedience classes (placements in parentheses) were Carlynn Maas (1st), Hannah Kwiecinski (3rd), Rachel LaForge (3rd), Jordan Wichman (4th), Jessica Fowke (4th), Christopher Cooper (5th), Vincent Barterian, and Troy Wilkinson. Qualifying in Novice Obedience classes were Emily Czarnecki (2nd), Brandon Bloxsom (3rd), and Renee Kolleth (4th). Katie Rinke passed

Graduate Novice obedience in first place, and was the highest scoring competitor in that level or above at the show.

In agility, those who qualified in their age division in Beginner level were Troy Wilkinson (1st), Carlynn Maas (2nd), Jordan Wichman (5th), Christopher Cooper (5th), and Brianna Wilkinson (6th). Intermediate agility qualifiers were Heather Martin (4th) and Brandon Bloxsom (6th). Those receiving qualifying scores in Advanced agility were Katie Rinke (1st) and Renee Kolleth (6th).

Placing in Novice Showmanship classes were Jordan Wichman (2nd), Hannah Kwiecinski (2nd), Vincent Barterian (4th), Jessica Arab (5th), Allisha Humenny (6th) and Carlynn Maas (6th). Open Showmanship placements were earned by Heather Kitchen (1st), Troy Wilkinson (2nd), and Emily Czarnecki (6th). Those placing in Champion Showmanship classes were Renee Kolleth (3rd), Christine Bingham (4th), Elizabeth Brockert (4th), Katie Rinke (4th), Adrienne Brockert (5th), Christopher Cooper (5th), Heather Martin (5th), Brianna Wilkinson (6th) and Jessica Fowke (6th).

In the educational poster competition, Carlynn Maas earned a third place in the Intermediate division. This was the largest contingent from Macomb County to ever attend the state 4-H dog show, and they did us proud!

*Submitted by Nancy Duemling, General Leader
K-9 & Kompany 4-H Club*

4-H Calendar of Events

County Events

September

- 4 Office closed
- 7 County & State Awards Wkshp., 6:30-8 p.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 7 Companion Animal Prg. Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 9 Hort. & Envir. Ed. Prg. Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 9 Communication & Exp. Arts Prg. Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 11 Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Prg. Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Huron Pointe
- 18 General Leader Meeting, 1 p.m., MSUE
- 18 Livestock checks
- 21 General Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MSUE
- 25 Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Armada High School
- 25 Livestock Prg. Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Armada High School
- 25 Horse Prg. Committee Mtg., 7 p.m., Camp Rotary
- 27 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., VerKuiilen Bldg.
- 30 4-H Craft & Crop, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., VerKuiilen Bldg.

October

- 5 Comanion Animal Prg. Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 9 Office closed
- 10 Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Prg. Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Huron Pointe
- 14 Hort. & Envir. Ed. Prg. Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 14 Comm. & Exp. Arts Prg. Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 17 Club Registration, 5-7 p.m., Camp Rotary
- 19 Club Registration, 5-7 p.m., Clinton-Macomb Library North Branch

- 23 Livestock Prg. Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Armada High School
- 23 Livestock Sale Committee Mtg., 7 p.m., Armada High School
- 23 Horse Prg. Committee Mtg., 7 p.m., Camp Rotary
- 23 Club Registration, 4-6 p.m., Armada High Sch.
- 25 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., VerKuiilen Bldg.
- 26 Club Registration, 5-6:30 p.m., VerKuiilen Bldg.

November

- 1 Club Registration, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., VerKuiilen Bldg.
- 2 Companion Animal Prg. Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 4 People, Pets & Vets, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Macomb Community College, Center Campus E Bldg.
- 7 Office closed
- 10 Office closed
- 14 Horticulture & Envir. Ed. Prg. Committee Mtg., 6:30 p.m., VerKuiilen Building
- 24 Office closed
- 30 Club Officer Training, 6 p.m., VerKuiilen Bldg.

State & Other Events

October

- 6-7 Fall Galaxy for 4-H Horse Event Committees, Kettunen Center
- 7-8 4-H Visual Arts & Crafts Workshop, Kettunen Ctr.
- 14-15 4-H Clothing & Textiles Wkshp., Kett. Ctr.
- 20-22 4-H Goat Leaders' Wkshp., Kettunen Ctr.
- 28-29 4-H PEP Instructor Update, Kellogg Biological Station

November

- 17-18 4-H Teen Horse Leaders' Conference I, Kettunen Center
- 18-19 4-H Teen Horse Leaders' Conference II, Kettunen Center

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